

IV. Remarks

Claims 1-35 were previously pending, of which claims 1, 11, and 23 have been amended and claims 36-37 have been added. Thus, claims 1-37 are currently pending. The response to the restriction requirement is provided in section II, above. It is understood that upon allowance of a generic claim, additional species claims will be considered.

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Office action have been addressed. Favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



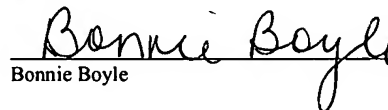
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